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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Continuation Patent Application of Chris Quinlan and Edward A. Devlin

Serial No.: 10/661,886

Art Unit: 3622

Filed: September 15, 2003

Examiner: Daniel Lastra

Title: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR REDEEMING PRODUCT MARKETING  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Petition to Accord a Filing Date, a copy of the Notice of Incomplete Nonprovisional Application mailed December 15, 2003, a copy of the drawings for the subject application as filed, a copy of the confirmation receipt, a Declaration and Power of Attorney of the parent application, an Abstract, and a check in the amount of \$130.00 for the above-identified Application.

If a Petition for an Extension of Time is necessary for the paper transmitted herewith to be timely filed, this transmittal is to be considered as a petition to extend the response period by the amount of time needed for the paper to be timely filed.

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The undersigned hereby states that the subject application drawings were originally filed on September 15, 2003 with the filing of the subject application as noted by the enclosed confirmation receipt. Consequently, the oath or declaration of the parent patent is submitted thereby completing the subject application. Therefore, the subject application is entitled to the filing date of September 15, 2003. Applicant respectfully requests a refund of the Petition Fee.

An abstract for the subject application is submitted herewith in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.72(b).

Favorable consideration of this petition is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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**NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION****FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)**

A filing date has NOT been accorded to the above-identified application papers for the reason(s) indicated below.

All of the items noted below and a newly executed oath or declaration covering the items must be submitted within **TWO MONTHS** of the date of this Notice, unless otherwise indicated, or proceedings on the application will be terminated (37 CFR 1.53(e)). Replies should be mailed to: Mail Stop Missing Parts, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria VA 22313-1450.

The filing date will be the date of receipt of all items required below, unless otherwise indicated. Any assertions that the item(s) required below were submitted, or are not necessary for a filing date, must be by way of petition directed to the attention of the Office of Petitions accompanied by the \$130.00 petition fee (37 CFR 1.17(h)). If the petition states that the application is entitled to a filing date, a request for a refund of the petition fee may be included in the petition. Petitions should be mailed to: Mail Stop Petitions, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria VA 22313-1450.

- The application was deposited without drawings. 35 U.S.C. 113 (first sentence) requires a drawing "where necessary for the understanding of the subject matter sought to be patented." *Applicant should reconsider whether the drawings are necessary under 35 U.S.C. 113 (first sentence).*
- The oath or declaration is missing.  
*A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.*

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- An abstract of the technical disclosure not exceeding 150 words in length and commencing on a separate sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 1.72(b) is required. An abstract was not provided for this application.

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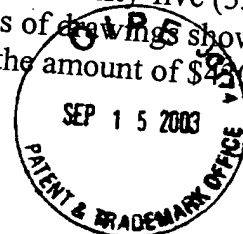
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For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR REDEEMING PRODUCT  
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Papers enclosed: Two Transmittals, true copy of the prior application as originally filed including: Cover Sheet, Abstract and Fifty-five (55) pages of specification and Claims 1-40, Five (5) sheets of drawings showing Figs. 1-6, a Preliminary Amendment, and a check in the amount of \$430.00 for the above-identified application.



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